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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the final Official Action dated November 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.